Sterne Kessler Goldstein Fox
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

OIPE JC186
FEB 28 2002
PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

Robert Greene Sterne
Edward J. Kessler
Jorge A. Goldstein
David K.S. Cornwell
Robert W. Esmond
Tracy-Gene G. Durkin
Michele A. Cimbala
Michael B. Ray
Robert E. Sokohl
Eric K Steffe
Michael Q. Lee
Steven R. Ludwig
John M Covert
Linda E. Alcorn
Robert C. Millonig
Lawrence B. Bugaisky
Donald J. Featherstone
Michael V. Messinger

Judith U. Kim
Timothy J Shea, Jr
Patrick E. Garrett
Jeffery T. Helvey▲
Heidi L. Kraus
Crystal D. Sayles
Edward W. Yee
Albert L. Ferro*
Donald R. Banowit
Peter A. Jackman
Molly A. McCall
Teresa U. Medler
Jeffrey S. Weaver
Kendrick P Patterson
Vincent L. Capuano
Albert J. Fasulo II*
Eldora Ellison Floyd
W. Russell Swindell

Thomas C. Fiala
Brian J Del Buono*
Virgil Lee Beaston+
Reginald D. Lucas+
Kimberly N. Reddick
Theodore A. Wood
Elizabeth J. Haanes
Bruce E. Chalker
Joseph S. Ostroff
Frank R. Cottingham*
Christine M. Lhulier
Rae Lynn Prengaman+
Jane Shershenovich*
Lawrence J. Carroll*

Senior Counsel
Samuel L. Fox
Kenneth C. Bass III

Registered Patent Agents
Karen R. Markowicz
Andrea J. Kamage
Nancy J. Leith
Joseph M. Conrad III
Ann E. Summerfield
Helene C Carlson
Gaby L. Longsworth
Matthew J. Dowd
Aaron L. Schwartz
Angelique G. Uy
Boris A. Matvenko
Mary B Tung

*Admitted only in Maryland
+Admitted only in Virginia
▲Admitted only in Texas

February 28, 2002

WRITER'S DIRECT NUMBER:
(202) 371-2560
INTERNET ADDRESS:
RESMOND@SKGF.COM

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Art Unit 1632

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 09/986,750; Filed: November 9, 2001
For: **Method for Removing a Universal Linker from an Oligonucleotide**
Inventors: Pires *et al.*
Our Ref: 0942.5080001/RWE/FRC

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Fee Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/17);
2. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1);
3. Preliminary Amendment;
4. Copy of Notice to File Corrected Application Papers;
5. Letter to PTO Draftsman: Submission of Formal Drawings;
6. 8 sheets of formal drawings: (Figures 1A-1B, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6A, 6B and 7);
7. Our check no. **34322** in the amount of **$110.00** to cover the extension of time fee; and
8. Return Postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX P.L.L.C.

Robert W. Esmond

Robert W. Esmond
Attorney for Applicants
Registration No. 32,893

RWE/pcd
Enclosures

P:\USERS\pdomally\Frank.C\0942\5080001\FormalDrawings_skgfcvrltr

OIPE JC186
FEB 2 8 2002
PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231
www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NUMBER	FILING/RECEIPT DATE	FIRST NAMED APPLICANT	ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER
09/986,750	11/09/2001	Richard M. Pires	0942.5080001

CONFIRMATION NO. 5957

26111
STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX PLLC
1100 NEW YORK AVENUE, N.W., SUITE 600
WASHINGTON, DC 20005-3934

FORMALITIES LETTER

OC000000007131184

Date Mailed: 11/28/2001

NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

Filing Date Granted

This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a)

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);
 - drawings submitted to the Office are not electronically reproducible. Drawing sheets must be submitted on paper which is flexible, strong, white, smooth, non-shiny, and durable (see 37 CFR 1.84(e));

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.

Customer Service Center
Initial Patent Examination Division (703) 308-1202
PART 2 - COPY TO BE RETURNED WITH RESPONSE